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REF: A. A. STATE 109506 B. B. SEOUL 2547 C. C. SEOUL 3459 D. D. SEOUL 3583 E. E. STATE 29096 F. F. STATE 29098

Classified By: ISN Acting A/S Mary Alice Hayward for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#). (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 6.

----- BACKGROUND -----

[12](#). (S) On March 3, 2008, the U.N. Security Council adopted Resolution 1803, imposing further Chapter VII sanctions on Iran in response to its

[13](#). (S) The U.S. recently shared information on implementation of the financial provisions of UNSCR 1803 (REF E) and additional information on

[14](#). (S) Background for Seoul: In August 2007, the U.S. urged the ROKG to exercise heightened scrutiny of all Iran-related transactions to ensur

[15](#). (S) In December, the ROKG reported that following Treasury U/S Leveys trip to Seoul (REF C) it continued the investigation of Bank Mellat s

----- OBJECTIVES/ACTION REQUEST -----

[16](#). (S) Washington requests all action addressees deliver the non-paper in paragraph 6 to appropriate host government officials in the foreign
FOR EMBASSY SEOUL:

-- Thank Seoul for its continuing investigation of Bank Mellats activities in its financial jurisdiction.

-- Provide additional information to Seoul on Bank Mellats involvement in Iranian proliferation activities.

-- Inform Seoul that the U.S. views Bank Mellats Seoul branch as a key node for facilitation of proliferation-related activities.

-- Note that South Korea should continue its investigation into the potential proliferation-related activities of Bank Mellat/Seoul and ensure
FOR EMBASSY LONDON:

-- Provide additional information to the UK on the involvement in Iranian proliferation activities of Bank Mellats branch in Seoul, South Korea
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-- Confirm the UK has taken steps to prevent Bank Mellis branch in London from being able to conduct transactions in support of Irans nuclear p
FOR EMBASSY TEL AVIV:

-- Provide nonpaper in paragraph 7 to Israel for informational purposes only.

----- NONPAPER FOR UK, ROK and ISRAEL -----

[17](#). (SECRET//REL UK, ROK, ISRAEL)

BEGIN NON-PAPER FOR UK, ROK AND ISRAEL:

-- In the spirit of our close nonproliferation partnership we would like to provide you with additional information on the proliferation-relate

-- The U.S., on October 25, 2007, designated additional Iranian entities and individuals under domestic authority Executive Order 13382 for the

-- In April 2007, Iran Communication Industries (ICI) advised Taiwan Soltech Industry Company that Iran Electronics Industries (IEI) would make

-- Iran Communications Industries is a subsidiary of Iran Electronics Industries, and Iran Electronics Industries is subordinate to the Ministr

-- In May 2007, Samamicro, an Iranian firm that has procured on behalf of Iranian missile, defense, and biotechnology organizations, sought to

-- Bank Mellats Head Office in Tehran has provided financial services to other entities tied to Irans nuclear program, including Novin Energy C

-- In July 2007, Bank Mellat/Seoul served as an intermediary bank for two probably missile-related euro payments from Doostan International, a

-- In late August 2007, Irans MODAFL-subordinate the State Purchasing Organization (SPO), and China National Precision Machinery Import/Export

-- CPMIEC has been sanctioned under a number of U.S. sanctions laws including pursuant to the Iran, North Korea and Syria Nonproliferation Act

-- In early October 2007, South Korean firm Just International Corp. requested an official from Irans Taksa Company, which is related to Defense Industries Organization-subordinate Iran Electronics Industries (IEI), amend a letter of credit to reflect

-- In early November 2007, Hong Kong Electronics, almost certainly a front company for Tanchon Commercial Bank (North Koreas primary weapons tr

-- As you know, Tanchon Commercial Bank is the main North Korean financial agent for weapons sales. Tanchon is also the financial arm of the Kc

-- In early November 2007, Singapore firm Falcon International Aviation received euro payments from Iran Aircraft Industries, which were proces

-- Iran Aircraft Industries is subordinate to Irans Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL).

-- In mid-November 2007, Hong Kong Electronics transferred nearly \$1 million in Euros from its account with Irans Parsian Bank to Bank Mellat/S

-- In mid-November 2007, Shahid Bakeri Industries Group (SBIG), Irans solid-propellant ballistic missile developer, may have used Bank Mellat/S

-- LIMMT was designated under U.S. Executive Order 13382 on June 13, 2006, for continuing to supply or attempt to supply Irans military and mis

-- In November 2007, the Aviation Department of Irans SPO - subordinate to Irans MODAFL - authorized a euro payment worth nearly \$5 million via

FOR UK ONLY:

-- (S//REL UK) With regard to the nonpaper on activities of Bank Mellat Seoul, note that it is the U.S. view that closing or tightly restrictin

-- (S//REL UK) Note also that, in particular, the Bank Mellat Seoul branches closure could push more activity to the Hong Kong branch of Iranian

-- (S//REL UK) Note that Melli Bank PLC Hong Kong is a branch of the London-based Melli Bank PLC and is subject to UK jurisdiction. We would be

END S//REL UK POINTS.

END SECRET//REL UK, ROK, ISRAEL NON-PAPER.

----- REPORTING DEADLINE -----

18. (U) Post should report results within one week of receipt of this cable. Please slug replies for ISN, T, TREASURY, IO/PSC and NEA. Please include SIPDIS in all replies.

----- POINT OF CONTACT -----

19. (U) Washington point of contact for follow-up information is Michelle New, ISN/CPI, (202) 647-0186, , or Jennifer Chalmers, ISN/CPI, (202)

19. (U) Department thanks Posts for their assistance.

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